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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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TAGS: PFOR, XC, US

SUBJECT: MARCH 26 INDOCHINA PRESS SUMMARY

1. ALL PAPERS FEATURE PRESIDENT' S ORDER STOPPING TROOP  
WITHDRAWALS UNTIL ALL POWS RELEASED. NYT' S HERBERS  
REPORTS FROM KEY BISCAYNE THAT US OFFICIALS IN SAIGON  
PRIVATELY PREDICT DISPUTE WILL BE RESOLVED BY WEDNESDAY.  
" UNUSUALLY WELL- INFORMED" US OFFICIAL IN SAIGON TELLS  
NYT' S BUTTERFIELD " PROBLEM LOOKS A LOT WORSE THAN  
IT REALLY IS." WOODWARD TELLS COMMUNIST JMC DELS US  
CONSIDERS JMC CANNOT CEASE FUNCTIONING UNTIL POW DISPUTE  
RESOLVED. US SAIGON SPOKESMAM ALSO REJECTS COMMUNIST  
DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MARINE GUARDS. SOME WESTERN  
DIPLOMATS IN SAIGON TELL CSM' S SOUTHERLAND THAT VN  
AGREEMENT DID NOT WARRANT LAST- MINUTE US DEMAND ON LAOS  
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POWS. CHITRIB' S KIRK QUOTES ONE US MILITARY SOURCE SAYING JMC " HAS DONE FAIRLY WELL IN ACHIEVING WHAT THE REALISTS THOUGHT IT WOULD ACHIEVE." DRV TEAMS MEMBERS LEAVE POSTS AS 60- DAY PERIOD ENDS. US OFFICIAL SAYS IT UNLIKELY VC WILL MAN TPJMC POSTS: " YOU CAN' T BLAME THEM FOR WORRY ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM IF THEY' RE SURROUNDED BY THEIR WORST ENEMIES" ( ALL PAPERS).

2. WP Y.

4. COPY OF OPIC INSURANCE CONTRACT BEING POUCHED.

DECONTROL: MARCH 26, 1974. ROGERS

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